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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR: HUMAN RIGHTS,
AID, CYPRUS TALKS

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1. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED AT DEPARTMENT (EUR)
TODAY TO REGISTER UNHAPPINESS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON
TURKEY SENT TO CONGRESS LAST MONTH. REFERRING TO ASSERTION
IN REPORT THAT ATROCITIES WERE COMMITTED BY BOTH SIDES
DURING FIGHTING, AMBASSADOR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT FOUND IT
"UNACCEPTABLE AND UNFAIR" THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKS
WERE EQUATED IN THIS WAY. THE FACTS DID NOT JUSTIFY
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ASSIGNING EQUAL GUILT.

2. TURKISH ATROCITIES WERE MORE NUMEROUS AND SERIOUS,
AND WERE PERPETRATED WITH THE PERMISSION, IF NOT THE
DIRECTION OF TURKISH AUTHORITIES. DIMITRIOU CITED THE
REPORT OF EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS PROOF OF
HIS CONTENTION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE PERSONALLY ASSUMED U.S.

REPORT HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY OLD ADMINISTRATION, AND DID NOT COINCIDE WITH THIS ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION.

3. DEPTOFF TOOK FULL NOTE OF CYPRIOT POSITION, BUT

DEFENDED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON TURKEY AS HAVING BEEN WRITTEN WITHIN SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY U.S. LAW, AND AS REFLECTING FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM.

4. AMBASSADOR THEN REFERRED TO EARLIER MEMO ON AID REQUIREMENTS FOR CYPRUS, WHICH POSTULATED 1978 REFUGEE BUDGET OF DOLS 133.7 MILLION FOR CYPRUS, AND PRESENTED FURTHER 13 PAGE MEMORANDUM GIVING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS U.S. HAD RAISED. DEPTOFF PROMISED TO STUDY NEW DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BUT MADE NO OTHER COMMENT.

5. FINALLY, DIMITRIOU PRESENTED GOC FONMIN COMMENTS ON DEBRIEFING GIVEN AMBASSADOR BY EUR/SE DIRECTOR APRIL 12 (REFTEL). MAJOR POINTS WERE (A) THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD NOT RESPONDED WITH ANY DETAILED COMMENTS ON GREEK CYPRIOT MAP AT VIENNA. EUR/SE DIRECTOR AGREED THERE WERE CONFLICTING REPORTS ON THIS POINT AND WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY WHICH WOULD BE AFFORDED AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD TO REVIEW GOC NOTES ON DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA; AND (B) CONCERN THAT USG MIGHT BE FOCUSING MORE ON CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS THAN ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE. DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT TWO ISSUES WERE CLOSELY LINKED AND HAD TO BE DISCUSSED IN TANDEM. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT MAJOR GREEK CYPRIOT INTEREST WAS FOCUSED ON TERRITORIAL QUESTION. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, REAL PROGRESS ON TERRITORIAL ISSUE IS UNLIKELY BEFORE TURKISH ELECTIONS, AND GAP BETWEEN TWO SIDES' POSITIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IS SO WIDE THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE IN NEXT SIXTY DAYS TO SEE IF TWO OPPOSING CONCEPTS ARE BRIDGEABLE IN SOME WAY.

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